

are least clothed with leaves; and is of a large size, being twelve inches deep, and five or more in diameter, wholly composed of moss: this is only open on the side, about three inches from the top. The note is a soft whistle.

Le grand Gobe-mouche noir de Cayenne, *Bris. orn.* ii. p. 386. 15. pl. 38.
f. 3.—*Pl. enl.* 381.

Le Piauhau, *Buf. ois.* iv. p. 588.

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SIZE of a Blackbird: length twelve inches. The bill is broad at the base, an inch and a quarter long, a little bent at the tip, and beset at the base with a few hairs; the colour of it dusky: the whole plumage is black, except the chin, throat, and fore part of the neck, on which is a large bed of beautiful crimson, inclining to purple: the legs are black.

DESCRIPTION.

Some specimens are wholly black, having not the least trace of crimson on the throat; and such may be esteemed as females or young birds. I have seen more than one of the last, in which the plumage otherwise coincided exactly with the first-described.

VARIETIES.

These inhabit *Cayenne*, and other parts of *South America*: they are found in flocks, and precede in general the *Toucans* in their movements: feed on fruits and insects, to which last their bill seems fully adapted: are lively birds, always in action. Inhabit, for the most part, the woods, like the *Toucans*; and where the first are found, the others are seldom far off. They have a sharp cry, which they often repeat, not unlike *Pibaubau*; whence their name.

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Linnaeus